

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 46.

Please amend the Claims as follows:

15. (Amended) A web comprising superabsorbent material and fibers wherein:

at least some of the fibers are coated onto the superabsorbent material prior to formation of the web,

the web is formed while the superabsorbent material contains a liquid that it has absorbed, and

at least some of the liquid absorbed in the superabsorbent material is removed after formation of the web;

wherein the superabsorbent material comprises particles; and

wherein at least some of the particles comprise an outer layer comprising at least one type of superabsorbent material and an inner core comprising at least one other type of superabsorbent material that differs from the superabsorbent material in the outer layer.

16. (Amended) A web comprising superabsorbent material and fibers wherein:

at least some of the fibers are coated onto the superabsorbent material prior to formation of the web,

the web is formed while the superabsorbent material contains a liquid that it has absorbed, and

at least some of the liquid absorbed in the superabsorbent material is removed after formation of the web;

wherein the superabsorbent material comprises particles; and

wherein at least some of the particles are comprised of SAM that exhibits a gradual trend of decrease in crosslinking proceeding from the outer surface of the particle to the center of the particle.

17. (Amended) A web comprising fibers and superabsorbent material, wherein the web comprises a superabsorbent material content of at least about

a² 60% by dry weight and the web experiences a web loss of less than about 9% when subjected to a Shakeout Test.

a³ 20. (Amended) A web comprising fibers and superabsorbent material, wherein the web comprises a superabsorbent material content of at least about 70% by dry weight and the web experiences a web loss of less than about 15% when subjected to a Shakeout Test.

a⁴ 24. (Amended) A web comprising fibers and superabsorbent material, wherein the web comprises a superabsorbent material content of at least about 80% by dry weight and the web experiences a web loss of less than about 17% when subjected to a Shakeout Test.

a⁵ 28. (Amended) A web comprising fibers and superabsorbent material, wherein the web comprises a superabsorbent material content of at least about 90% by dry weight and the web experiences a web loss of less than about 58% when subjected to a Shakeout Test.

a⁶ 39. (Amended) A web comprising fibers and at least one superabsorbent material at least partially coated with the fibers, wherein:
individual bodies of the superabsorbent material have bonds with each other, with fibers that are coated upon other bodies of the superabsorbent material, or with a combination thereof, and
the superabsorbent material comprises a composition that forms such bonds upon removal of a liquid contained in the superabsorbent material;
wherein the bonds can form upon removal from the superabsorbent material of at least about 0.5 grams of the liquid per gram of superabsorbent material.

a⁷ 47. (Amended) An absorbent article comprising the web of Claim 39.

a⁸ 53. (Amended) A web comprising fibers and at least one superabsorbent material at least partially coated with the fibers, wherein:

individual bodies of the superabsorbent material have bonds with each other, with fibers that are coated upon other bodies of the superabsorbent material, or with a combination thereof, and

Q8 the superabsorbent material comprises a composition that forms such bonds upon removal of a liquid contained in the superabsorbent material;

wherein the superabsorbent material comprises particles, and

wherein at least some of the particles comprise an outer layer comprising at least one type of superabsorbent material and an inner core comprising at least one other type of superabsorbent material that differs from the superabsorbent material in the outer layer.

54. (Amended) A web comprising fibers and at least one superabsorbent material at least partially coated with the fibers, wherein:

individual bodies of the superabsorbent material have bonds with each other, with fibers that are coated upon other bodies of the superabsorbent material, or with a combination thereof, and

the superabsorbent material comprises a composition that forms such bonds upon removal of a liquid contained in the superabsorbent material;

wherein the superabsorbent material comprises particles, and

wherein at least some of the particles are comprised of SAM that exhibits a gradual trend of decrease in crosslinking proceeding from the outer surface of the particle to the center of the particle.
